

ELECTION

Claims 1-10 were previously pending in this application. The Examiner issued a restriction requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121 requiring the Applicant to elect a single, disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. Applicant respectfully traverses this election requirement as improper, but provisionally elects Claims 1-4 in order to advance the prosecution of this case, despite the fact that Applicant consider claims 5-10 as not being patentably distinct and should be examined together with claims 1-4.

In sum, Applicant provisionally elect to proceed with examination of claims 1-4, and withdraw claims 5-10 without prejudice, and reserve the right to re-file these claims as part of a divisional application.

REMARKS

A first Office Action on the merits is now respectfully awaited. If there are any outstanding issues that the Examiner feels may be resolved by way of a telephone conference, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact David W. Carstens at 972.367.2001.

Date: July 20, 2007

Respectfully submitted,



David W. Carstens
Registration No. 34,134

CUSTOMER No. 22858
CARSTENS & CAHOON, LLP
P.O. Box 802334
Dallas, TX 75380
(972) 367-2001 *Telephone*
(972) 367-2002 *Facsimile*